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1. THE ENCOUNTER JULY 19 BETWEEN TOP REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN LABOR AND PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE ANDREOTTI WENT WELL. LABOR PRESENTED ITS OFFER OF AUSTERITY (AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL) IN EXCHANGE FOR GOVERNMENTAL PERFORMANCE ON MAJOR LABOR AIMS. IN COMMENTS TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING THE MEETING, LABOR SPOKESMEN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE FACT THAT ANDREOTTI NOT ONLY

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LISTENED TO LABOR'S REQUESTS AND OFFERS, BUT ALSO RESPONDED

WITH "WELCOME PRECISION" IN EXPRESSING HIMSELF ON THE
FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF ACHIEVING VARIOUS OF LABOR'S
OBJECTIVES.

2. COMMENT: CGIL CHIEF LAMA POINTED OUT THAT "WE ARE STILL
AT THE ORAL LEVEL," I.E., LABOR WILL RESERVE FINAL JUDGMENT
UNTIL IT CAN BEGIN TO SEE THE TRANSLATION OF PROMISES
INTO PERFORMANCE. HOWEVER, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT
ANDREOTTI, SHOULD BE SUCCEED IN FORMING A GOVERNMENT, WILL
BEGIN WITHOUT THE TESTY RELATIONSHIP WITH LABOR WHICH HAS BESET
MANY OF HIS PREDECESSORS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RELATIVE
SUCCESS OF THIS ENCOUNTER WITH BIG LABOR MAY WELL ENHANCE
ANDREOTTI'S CHANCES OF SUCCEEDING IN HIS PLANS TO PUT A GOVERN-
MENT TOGETHER.

3. FOR THE RECORD, THESE WERE LABOR'S PARTICIPANTS: FROM THE
CGIL, LAMA, BONI, DIDO, FORNI AND SCHEDA; FROM THE CISL,
STORTI, ROMEI, CARNITI, CREA AND CIANCAGLINI (MARINI WAS OUT
OF TOWN DUE TO AN IMPORTANT PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT); FOR THE UIL,
VANNI, RAVENNA, RAVECCA AND ROSSI.VOLPE

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